water along the Left Bank Channel is assured.

243. Opening of a Veterinary Hospital in the Padmanabhapuram Division.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai (*Tovala*) brought forward this subject.

Reply.—This has been already answered. *Vide* subject No. 161.

244. Removal of silt from, and strengthening the bank of, the Pazhayar from the 9th to the 11th mile.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai said that this was a matter of urgent necessity.

Reply.—This is receiving consideration. Special works are executed wherever necessary.

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245. Introduction of tanning and dyeing classes in the Nagercoil Technical Institute.

Mr. V. Sankaranarayana Iyer B. A., B. L., (*Agastisvaram*) said that the inclusion of tanning and dyeing in the curricula of studies in the institute would be of great practical utility.

Reply.—The officers concerned will be consulted in the matter.

246. Making Tamil the chief and Malayalam the accessory language in all Nanjanad Vernacular schools.

Mr. N. Velayudhaperumal Pillai (*Agastisvaram*) *and Mr. P. Mathevan Pillai* (*Nanjanattar Sabha, Kottar*) urged that Tamil should be made the first and Malayalam the second language in all Vernacular schools, or that at least Tamil schools might be opened with Tamil as principal and Malayalam as accessory language.

Reply.—As already stated, Malayalam is the language of the State. The request to make Tamil the chief language cannot therefore be granted.

247. Shifting the Odai fence of the Forest Department to the eastern frontier.

Mr. P. Nellayandar Pillai (*Agastisvaram*) represented that the shifting of the Odai fence now skirting the Travancore side of the old fort lines from near Kadukkara to Vattakottai to the actual frontier lying further east would facilitate the access of the villagers now

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